

UP THE LADDER

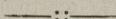


The following named men have been advanced in rating.

NAME	From	To
Mills, R. C.	PhM2	PhM1c
Hollingsworth, O.	AMM2	AMM1c
Huter, A.	Y2c	Y1c
Prescott, R. S.	Mus2c	Mus1c
Johnston, L. R.	SF3c	SF2c
Whaley, R. W.	EM3c	EM2c
Rhea, R. S.	Y3c	Y2c
Coffey, N. H.	Sealc	COX.
Dickson, J. E.	Sealc	FC3c
Yarbro, R. L.	Sealc	GM3c
Wright, J. R.	Sealc	AMM3c
Slough, W. M.	Sealc	SK3c
Mustain, I. E.	Sealc	SM3c
Eufemia, V. L.	F2c	EM3c
Small, A. J.	Sealc	SF3c
Engels, L. H.	Sealc	IM3c
Okins, E. E.	Sealc	RM3c
Hennessy, T. W.	Sealc	RM3c
Lewis, S. N.	F2c	F1c
McDonald, F. J.	F2c	F1c
Keesee, W. W.	F2c	F1c
Krecklow	F2c	F1c
Mohn, C. H.	F2c	F1c
Hasty, J. G.	F3c	F2c
Haupt, S.	F3c	F2c
Ryan, R. J.	F3c	F2c
Wauk, M. T.	F3c	F2c
Williams, D. M.	F3c	F2c
Buckridge, M. A.	F3c	F2c
Fox, L. L.	F3c	F2c
Duran, E. A.	F3c	F2c
Koster, S. F.	F3c	F2c
Adcock, F. B.	F3c	F2c
Ivons, H. V.	F3c	F2c
Durose, A. F.	F3c	F2c
Garcia, F. O.	Sea2c	Sealc
Chatfield, C. W.	Sea2c	Sealc

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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Another short meeting of the gift Committee chairmen was held last Wednesday. Good progress was reported. Nearly all arrangements should be completed by the end of next week.

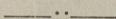
The finance committees have been collecting contributions and a generous response has been reported from most divisions.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Campbell have completed the list of needy children to be invited. There will be about 30, the names being taken from a list furnished by the Salvation Army. These two ladies also have completed arrangements for the purchase of gifts for the ship's party. To be sure that the gifts are those most desired, are of correct size and do not duplicate another present we are asking parents to choose the gifts to be given by the ship at Walker's. The store will wrap and address the articles selected and send the packages to the ship where they will be presented to the children on Christmas Day.

The Chief Petty Officers are entertaining their own children in the CPO mess and will be considered as a separate division for the preliminary

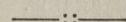
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TENN. AND PENNSY. WIN



Last week-end the Pennsylvania mittmen and the Tennessee grapplers won the respective boxing and wrestling championship of Group One of the battleships. The Pennsy mitt flingers defeated the Arizona stable 23 to 8. The New York wrestlers won from the Tennessee matmen 18 to 4.

STRENEOUS WEEK OF GUNNERY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED



The guns on the good ship HOUSTON sure did a lot of "Boom-booming" during the past week. Every type of gun on the ship - except the saluting battery - came in for its share of work. The following practices were completed during the week:

Night Spotting Practice - AA. Battery - with pooled ammunition from all cruisers present. Fourth Anti-aircraft practice "Baker".

Night Battle Practice - for main and secondary batteries. Second Advanced Machine Gun Practice.

It can be stated that the ship turned in creditable performances in all of these practices.

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YORKTOWN TO BE FLAG



The Chief of Naval Operations has designated the U. S. S. YORKTOWN to be flagship of Carrier Division Two.

SURPRISE INSPECTION

Due to the fact that next Saturday was the date originally set for our Semi-Annual Military Inspection, it is expected that we will have a surprise Inspection. As we all know, the Semi-Annual Military Inspections have been replaced by two Surprise Inspections.

This coming week will therefore, be devoted to getting everything shipshape for this inspection. All hands are urged to make every effort to bring the ship and personnel into a state of perfection that can only be reached by the whole hearted cooperation of all hands.

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LETTER TO MR. E. P. B.

Mr. E.P.B:

Seems that you were overheard knocking the Blue Bonnet.

Your remark went something like this: 'Always the same stuff, over and over, time and again'.

Well, Mr. E.P.B., it is men like you the Ship's Paper needs. Since you made that wonderful suggestion? It is your own paper you are knocking and it is up to you to help better it.

Mr. X.

P.S. This letter also takes in the rest of your Blue Bonnet critics.

WILLIAM A. MOFFETT
MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Chief of Naval Operation has just announced the results attained by various aviation units of the Fleet for the fiscal year 1936. There were thirty nine units in this competition. The CALIFORNIA stood first; ARIZONA second, and the HOUSTON fifteenth. The QUINCY unit was ineligible because of insufficient commission service.

The Secretary of the Navy has addressed a letter of commendation to the officer commanding the winning Unit. The Commanding Officer of this unit was Lieutenant Robert F. Hickey, attached to the WEST VIRGINIA, who will receipt for the Trophy.

The Rear Admiral William A. Moffett Memorial Trophy is emblematic of aircraft operations conducted with a maximum of safety by the battleship and cruiser-based aviation units. The Chief of Naval Operations takes this opportunity to congratulate the winning unit upon this splendid performance of duty under most strenuous conditions of operating. The scores for all units were highly commended and excellent administrative and tactical

It is the present plan that each team

BASKETBALL

Hopes for a successful basketball season were materially brightened when, last Sunday evening in their last workout period, the team had a practice scrimmage with the highly touted VESTAL outfit.

That excellent results had been obtained during the previous week's workouts were evident when our five more than held their own, even though several members of the squad were on the week-end.

The fast breaking and passing offense which the team had been developing was in evidence as time goals were made in the open.

One weakness which the squad must still concentrate on to become a top notch team is the defense. Since we have an unusually fast squad this season this weakness will be well taken care of.

Members of the team showing the greatest promises so far are: Ellwod, Philips, Chmura, and Sanders - forwards, Hattemer, at center, and Adams, Brown, Rhea, Jasinski - guards. Henderson is gradually developing and will soon be one to watch in the center position.

O'Brien, who is coaching the team, has developed a style of play well adapted to our fast but light team. Although hampered by the inability to practice regularly he has brought the team into good form. We regret that he will be unable to continue with the team for the remainder of the season but Samoa is to be the new assignment. I know the ship joins the team in wishing "Obey" a pleasant cruise.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
ANNOUNCED

In making out the basketball schedule for the 1936-37 Season all ships of the Heavy Cruiser Athletic Unit have been divided into two groups, These groups are as follows:

Group One	Group Two
Chicago	San Francisco
Houston	Tuscaloosa
Portland	Utah
Northampton	Relief
Pensacola	Salt Lake City
Argonne	Minneapolis
Medusa	Astoria
Vestal	New Orleans
	Chester
	Indianapolis

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of a group will play a minimum of four games. Group standings will be determined on a percentage basis and the leading four teams of each group will play a series to determine final standings and points for the Iron Man. In the event of a tie in the group standings, every effort will be made to arrange for additional games to determine final standings in groups by play off.

In addition to these games a special series will be played between the repair ships at the Admiral Leigh Gymnasium San Pedro at times directed by the Comander Base Force.

Argonne	vs	Medusa
Argonne	vs	Vestal
Medusa	vs	Vestal

Because of the limited playing time, all group games will be played in two periods of twelve 12(minutes each, with an interval of six minutes (6) between periods. Final games between the leading four teams in each group will be full length and will be played in the Admiral Leigh Gym, San Pedro, if practicable.

Games will start promptly and will be played with a minimum of delay. A team failing to appear for any schedule game within thirty minutes of starting time will be considered as having defaulted to its opponent, unless circumstances are such that Commander Cruisers considers it advisable to re-schedule the game at a later date.

The games will be officiated by commissioned and warrent officers appointed from an approved list of qualified officers.

The following is the schedule of games for Group One for the month of December. Additional games for Group One and the schedule of games for Group Two will be published at a later date.

Date	Time	Locaton Of Court	Contestants
10 Dec.	2030	YMCA-LB	Chicago vs Houston
11 Dec.	1830	YMCA-LB	Northampton vs Pens.
12 Dec.	1930	Poly HS-LB	Chicago vs Portland
12 Dec.	1500	Poly HS-LB	Houston vs Medusa
14 Dec.	1830	YMCA-LB	Portland vs Pensacola
17 Dec.	2030	YMCA-LB	Chicago vs Vestal
18 Dec.	1830	YMCA-LB	Houston vs Pensacola
19 Dec.	1930	Poly HS-LB	Northampton vs Ves.
19 Dec.	1500	Poly HS-LB	Portland vs Medusa
19 Dec.	1400	YMCA-LB	Pensacola vs Argonne

Admiral Stanley disclosed at a dinner this past Monday that the Navy will ask a \$175,000,000 ten year building program to rehabilitate the Fleet's auxiliary craft.



**NOSEY
NEWS
'BOUT
EV'BODY**

With a strenuous but highly successful gunery period just completed and the prospect of a few weeks at anchor with leave and recreation the order of the day after Admiral's inspection, Houstonites spirits are at a new high. Which, by the way, has no bearing on the relentless news gathering of the undercover reporters.

Spending a few days at sea this week brought out some interesting side lights concerning a few of our shipmates. Possibly the most interesting being the old fashioned Fish-Bake sponsored by "Tiny" Rimmer. This staunch pillar of law and order on the high seas caught the fish, prepared 'em for the pot and had them cooked to a delicious turn only to attend the banquet a bit late. It hardly need be said Tiny was fortunate in finding even a scale left.

Wonder who the Marine is? Reports prove that this mis-guided sea-soldier was born 100 years too soon. What an asset he would have been to the iron men, wooden ship navy. This modern sea-soldier actually carried 5" ammunition from topside to the magazines, and don't we all know there are up-to-the-minute hoist for the purpose. We understand Gunny Greenwood is slowly but surely recovering from the shock.

The Army-Navy game was undoubtedly one of the most outstanding of the present season - but - the way the Army crossed up some of the local betting commissioners is a shame. We feel these lads will stick to the good old blue and gold from now on.

Now that Turkey Day has passed a few more newcomers to the ever popular Nosey News.

Every once in awhile we have some strange tale cropping up aboard this war craft, suitable for the famous "Believe it or not Column". Here is the latest. Drumm, salty, sea-bitten, ex-tugboat sailor visited the Dental office a few days ago for an X-ray. Imagine the Dentist's surprise when Drumm let out a howl that would put Popeye to shame. It seems the X's in the ray hurt his jaw. Imagination can sometimes do funny things to funny people? ?

On a recent observing excursion to the Northampton, Zainfeld of the 2nd became so enamoured with those cocktail chairs in the Rec. Compt. on that vessel that he had himself duly appointed as custodian of said chairs the duration of his stay aboard. He admits he is not a pluggler for those out of place contraptions.

Latest reports hath it that Hardin of the muscle benders is a changed man since having his nails manicured. Seems these long nails of his were a serious handicap in his performance of duty while on his battle station.

Who was it said "Those periodical scuttlebutt floods in the C&N Compt. are just the thing for that sadly mis-used deck. ????"

"Clam-Chowder" Casey, the mad Russian of the B-Div., considers people west of the Mississippi wild Indians; incidently, he's having "squaw" trouble in Pasadena.

**HERES THAT MAN "MR. 'X' "
AGAIN**

It seems my little addition to the Nosey News column has put some of the victims on the war path, but why worry?

The Chief Printer will come to your aid. He is now checking Mr. "X's" handwriting, trying to run him down. What a job you have on hand, McCarty, the blonde curly haired Water-tender is recommended to help you. You will need it!

If it pleases the readers we'd like to inform you that the "Dallas Demon", Bill Yats, SK3c, is back from the Texas Centennial for duty aboard.

Durose, the gentleman born to dance, Watkins and Duran undecided about their experiences with the opposite sex. Ryan, the victim of circumstances. Hart losing his technique. Brown, GM2c and that letter edged in green. Ehlo, WT2c receiving the title "Baron of Texas". Cy Pearce demonstrating his pugilistic ability. Plemel's big dissatisfaction. Martin of the 1st getting over his Northern love affair. Hart's big interest in Portsmouth England. T. C. Ryan, remember there is more than one pebble on the beach. Palmer still true to his love in Rebel Land. Haynes planning on going back to the sticks and settling down. Tex, our ship's cook, buying stamps by the gross - love is blooming again? ? Stoddard taking advantage of every liberty and coming back for chow. Rabyk, the idol of the 2nd, assisted by Chick and Hennessey. Deforge still planning on a trip to Reno or Yuma. Drak and Phillips harmonizing for their forty-eight, what a pair.

So much for this wee, but here is a tip for the chiefs. Next week you will be the victims!

There's a Winchell at your mess table, beware of what you say! Mr. X

OSCAR'S OPUS NO. 9

GUNNERY BUSINESS

Shooting cannons from big varships
It ban plenty lots of fun
For dey doing monkey business
Yust before dey shoot da guns
If tings ain't skol look so rosy
And dey tink it can't be done
Vord skol come "don't shoot at target",
Dis skol be a dummy run."

Ay den vonder if in vartime
Ve could pulling stunt like dat
Ve could signal enemy wessel
"Yure approach is not so pat,
Be gud guy and start all over
Ay skol like to get more dope,
If yu du dis favor for us
It skol be yure last, Ay hope.

Ay tink dat ban gud idea
But perhaps it might not vork,
Dis har guy vich ve ban fighting
Might be Svede or Yap or Turk
All dese fellers can't speak Englis
So tings vouldn't vork out right
Dey vould keep on coming at us
And Ay spouse ve'd have tu fight.

PENNSY RETAINS FOOTBALL CROWN

Last Sunday, before a crowd of 15,000 spectators, the Pennsylvania eleven defeated the New Mexico 14-7 thereby winning the battleship grid championship and retained their crown won last year.

The New Mexico entered the game as the under dog but lost no time in pushing over the first touchdown of the day and showing the crowd some real football. It wasn't until the later part of the last quarter that the Pennsy was able to maneuver the ball to a threatening position. This was done by a spectacular interception behind his own goal line and a 95 yard run to the enemy's six yard stripe by Al Fitch of the Pennsylvania. Three more plays were needed before Fitch finally landed the ball in the pay dirt.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEK'S NAVY NEWS

This past week has been a full one for the Navy. To begin with the Naval Academy football team started the ball rolling by defeating the Military Academy team 7 - 0, a feat worthy of any organization.

Three new ships slid down the ways to add to the strength to our Navy. These ships were the "BROOKLYN", the "BOISE", both 10,000 ton cruisers and the "GRIDLEY" a 1,500 ton Destroyer. The "BROOKLYN" was built and christened at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the "BOISE" at the Newport News Shipbuilding Yards. The "GRIDLEY", which was built at Fore River Yards, is unique in that she is the first one stack destroyer.

NEW SHIPMENT OF BOOKS

Shipment of our quarterly allotment of new books has been withheld on account of the Maritime Strike, preventing commercial water shipment from the Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Va. Shipment via rail is not authorized by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

We have recently been advised that shipment will be made by the USS Vega, unless the strike conditions change. The USS Vega departs from Norfolk on 2 January, 1937.

Mail the "Blue Bonnet" home:

STRENEOUS GUNNERY WEEK

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One of the most gratifying aspects of all the shooting during the past week has been the continued absence of material casualties during actual firing. This reflects credit upon the turret and battery officers and especially upon the turret captains, gunner's mates, gun and turret strikers, fire controlmen and electricians whose hard work and faithful daily upkeep of the battery and fire control equipment has made possible the efficient performance of the battery in all practices fired to date. The daily routine tests of the gunnery equipment and the daily chores in connection with the upkeep of the battery are bound to become monotonous but they are necessary and when they are performed faithfully - as they have been on this ship - they bring big dividends and lots of confidence when good old live bullets are slipped into the guns and the word comes from the Captain to "Commence Firing".

ADDITIONAL VP SQUADRONS

The Chief of Naval Operations has directed the forming of two new VP Squadrons.

VP Squadron 16F will be commissioned on 2 January 1937 at the Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington. The Commandant, 13th Naval District, after commissioning, will direct that squadron to report to the Commander Aircraft, Base Force. Similarly VP Squadron 17F will be commissioned at the Naval Air Station, San Diego, California. The Comandant, 11th Naval District, after commissioning, will direct the squadron to report to the Comander, Aircraft Base Force.

After Commissioning and when directed by the Commander, Base Force, VP Squadron 17F will be flown to Seattle, Washington.

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leadership were necessary to lead in this competition.

The Blue Bonnet on behalf of the Ship's Company congratulates the HOUSTON unit on their standing and contribution to the high efficiency attained.

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NAME	From	To
Davison, C. E.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Garbs, L. F.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Ashcraft, S. W.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Remley, D. W.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Henry, F. A.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Sanders, E. B.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Andree, F. R.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Whitehouse, W. M.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Kunz, A. M. G.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Hattemer, F. H.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Hardn, J. C.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Simms, J. D.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Chmura, J. A.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Rogers, H. E.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Sartor, J.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Hampton, C. J.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Holmquist, A. E.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Peek, W. P.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Martin, M. F.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Raybk, A.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Rainer, S. H.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Hubenak, J. F.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Sheffield, H. L.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Goddard, K. A.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Thomas, H. O.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Olsen, C. E.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Daly, D. M.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Palmer, L. C.	Sea2c	Sea1c
White, M. M.	Sea2c	Sea1c
Himrod, F.	OS2c	OS1c
Raya, G.	MAtt2c	MAtt1c
Cofield, W.	MAtt3c	MAtt2c

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

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part of the program.

In last week's Blue Bonnet, CPhM Vizard was mentioned as chairman of the committee for decorating and arranging the well-deck for the party. This was an error - Ensign Raymond will be in charge of this work.

Ensign Quakenbush is helping to brush up the acts for the entertainment. He can still use some more talent.

Invitation and letters of instruction for the children are being prepared and will be in the mail by the end of next week.

Another meeting of the committee chairmen is called for next Tuesday morning. This should bring our preparations to the final stage.

All signs point to a swell party. We think everybody who participates will be proud of his part in it.